

## Picture perfect

From coaches to freshmen, the Missouri basketball team assembled Tuesday for the annual Picture Day at the Hearn Fieldhouse. Coach Norm Stewart and the rest also took time out to answer questions from the media about the upcoming season. See Page 13A.



## Smurf's up!

A cartoon character came to town Tuesday to make sure Columbia youngsters get fingerprinted for safety's sake. Many parents attended because of the safety aspect but any tyke would get his hands dirty to see his favorite Saturday morning television star. Papa Smurf's tale is told on page 20A.



## New poppin'

Plymouth Indians would be shocked if they could see what big business has done to their simple popping corn. From hot rocks to big bucks, popcorn has taken to American consumers in a very different style. For the popcorn explosion of the 80s see Page 1B.



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## Landfill reviewed; commission seeks east site appraisal

By William Heaster  
Missourian staff writer

Columbia moved an important step closer to choosing the site for its new landfill Tuesday as attorneys agreed on three commissioners who will determine the condemnation price for a piece of property in eastern Boone County.

Circuit Judge Frank Conley named John Kirby, an appraiser with Associated Property Analysts Inc.; Dan Hagan, owner of Hagan Development Co.; and James McKinney, vice president and senior loan officer of Centerville Bank to the commission, which will decide the fair market value of the property.

Thomas Schneider, the attorney representing the city, said Conley's approval necessarily included the finding that the city had the right to condemn the land, commonly referred to as the "east site," which is owned by Carroll McDannold and R. Scott Brundage.

The attorneys for the city and the east site owners agreed to the commission members and last Friday submitted their names to Conley for his approval.

Schneider said each of the commissioners had to own land in Boone County and be "disinterested" about the case to qualify for the appointment.

The City Council, meanwhile, has yet to decide between sites for a possible landfill. It is waiting for a price to be set for the east site in condemnation proceedings before making a choice. The city holds an option to buy the so-called "west site," owned by

Boles Land Limited Corp. for \$400 per acre.

On Oct. 25, the board of commissioners will meet with both parties to hear each side argue its case to the board, Schneider said. Afterward, the commissioners and the two parties will view the land, he said.

Although the commissioners could make an appraisal any time after that meeting, Schneider said there could be another delay.

"When the issues are complex, it is common for an award to be made within a week to 10 days following the presentation," he said.

Either side can appeal the price determined by the board, which would send the matter to a jury trial.

The east site is a 425-acre tract northeast of Columbia, bordered by Hinkson Creek on the north and west, Rogers Road to the east, and Hinkson Creek Road to the south.

The owners of the east site and the city have been haggling over the price of the land for months. Brundage and McDannold had the land appraised at \$2,500 per acre, while the city's appraisers valued it at \$422 per acre. They offered it to the city for \$1,461 per acre, the average of the two figures. The city's final offer was \$480 per acre.

But McDannold said the offers made in the past are irrelevant. The commissioners only will take into account new information presented by both sides and the previous appraised value.

The west site is 433 acres north of Columbia, bordered by Oakland Church Road to the south and Clay's Fork Road to the north and east.



Miguel Fairbanks

Ma Hsin-yeh, a School of Journalism alumnus, reminisces about his school days 50 years ago.

## Taiwanese alumnus revisits campus

By Jim Schwartz  
Missourian staff writer

An elderly man stoops to pick up a leaf in front of Walter Williams Hall, one of the School of Journalism's buildings on the University campus.

Ma Hsin-Yeh, known as the "Godfather of Journalism" in Taiwan, returned to Columbia Tuesday, 50 years after he graduated from the journalism school with a bachelor's degree. It was his first visit since 1948.

Ma, 75, continues active in journalism. He is chairman of the board of directors of Taiwan's Central News Agency.

Ma said he placed the leaf in his diary to spark memories of his college days when he worked with Walter Williams, the legendary journalist who founded the world's first

school of journalism in 1908.

"I met Walter Williams when he spoke at Peking University in the late '20s," Ma said. "I knew I wanted to go to the United States to study journalism immediately."

Ghengchi University awarded Ma the scholarship he needed to fulfill his ambition. "When I reached Columbia, Walter Williams greeted me in a traditional silk Chinese coat," Ma said. "He and the other people I met in Columbia were kind and made me feel at home."

Ma remembers being especially inspired by Williams and Frederick Middlebush, at that time a political science and business professor who later became the University's president. Both, he said, had a keen understanding of international affairs.

When Ma returned to Taiwan in 1933, he

secured a job teaching at Chengchi University.

"Within a month, I was designing journalism courses like the ones here," he recalled. "History and principles and many others I had at Missouri."

Although there have been advances in journalism technology, "the basic principles I learned here of being accurate, fair and dedicated to ideals hold true today," Ma said.

Like some American journalism critics, Ma believes the need to clear the bottom line financially can sometimes interfere with traditional journalistic ethics.

"Sometimes I feel that the profit motive gets in the way of truth," he said. "I think it is very important for journalism schools to teach ethics."

## Tax increase draws fire

By Karen Ball  
State capital bureau

Just one day after Gov. Christopher Bond announced that he would ask legislators for a corporate tax increase during this fall's special session, businessmen — and some lawmakers who initially welcomed Bond's support for higher taxes — were vowing to fight the proposal.

Bond's announcement, which came just nine days before the Legislature reconvenes Oct. 19, calls for a 2 percent increase in the corporate income tax and a doubling of the corporate franchise tax. Bond has not called for increases in personal income taxes, sales taxes or property taxes.

Legislators who regard Bond's proposal as a "stop-gap" approach that won't resolve the state's budget problems over the long term didn't like Bond's solution any more than businessmen did.

"The Senate is not going to go along with this," said Sen. Roger Wilson, D-Columbia. "He's just spraying Novocaine on an abscessed tooth."

Bond did not specify if raising the corporate income tax from the current 5 percent

to 7 percent would be an across-the-board measure, or whether it would be indexed to the size of the business. Reacting to the proposal, budget leaders remained skeptical about Bond's sincerity on tax reform.

"We've always known where the governor's loyalties lie," said Sen. John Schneider, D-St. Louis. "The governor is following his same old politics of helping the big corporations. This is meant to help the high income because the high income have always written the laws. We (legislators) will have to come up with something more equitable."

An evenly spread, 2-percent increase would hurt small businesses and leave big businesses virtually unscathed, Schneider said, because all businesses are allowed to deduct their federal taxes before the state tax is computed.

Because large corporations pay more federal taxes, he explained, their effective state tax rate is proportionally less. The 2-percent increase, he said, would therefore hit smaller businesses harder.

"This would just exacerbate the unfair tax policy that already exists," he said. Small

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## Almanac says snowy winter

By Angela Slaughter  
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For those Columbians who love snow, get ready. There will be plenty of it this winter. That's the forecast from the fourth Ja-

cobsen Snow Almanac. The almanac annually issues computerized snowfall predictions, based on 40 years of snow statistics compiled by the National Climatic Center in Asheville, N.C.

In fact, the publication says Columbia is due for six times more snow this winter than last winter.

But before rushing out to buy that new heavy-duty snow shovel, remember there was only 4 inches of snow that fell upon Co-

lumbia turf last winter.

By season's end, however, the almanac predicts snow accumulations will total 24 inches. And those first snowflakes are expected to fall Nov. 8 and the last of them on April 1, says the almanac.

If you think two feet of snow is a bit much, be advised there will be others worse off. Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., for instance, will get 130.8 inches, according to the almanac.

## Beck: Improvements 'going as well as possible'

By William Heaster  
Missourian staff writer

The casual observer might conclude that the city's three-year plan to improve the streets, sidewalks and bridges is proceeding at a snail's pace. Public Works Director Ray Beck, however, advises a second look.

Two of the 14 street construction projects approved last November by city voters in the \$8.3 million bond issue are now being finished, and two others are currently under construction. Beck says that, considering the circumstances, the project is going as well as possible.

His department had little lead time in 1983, Beck says. By the time the bonds were approved and construction priorities were set, the fiscal year was well under way. Construction work is also delayed, he says, when problems arise in the city's attempt to acquire rights of way.

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Beck adds that holding public hearings, completing pre-construction engineering work, and taking bids from contractors takes time as well.

"Considering everything, including the magnitude of the street projects and the non-bond-issue projects we worked on," he says, "it was a pretty good (fiscal) year."

With six more bond-issue projects scheduled to begin in 1984, Beck says he expects it to be "an even bigger construction year."

The first phase of reconstruction on Green Meadows Road, from Providence Road to Bethel Road, is nearly complete, Beck says. The road is open for traffic, and minor work is being finished. The remainder of the Green Meadows project, from Providence Road to West

Boulevard South, is scheduled for 1985.

Green Meadows Road no longer has the infamous "crankhandle curve" that frustrated Fifth Ward residents. Their councilman, Dick Walls, calls the new street "a tremendous improvement."

Upgrading Waco Road from Brown's Station Road to Route B is the other bond project almost completed. Its estimated total cost is \$188,360.

Crews are now extending West Ash Street from its west end near the Biscayne Mall to Fairview Road. The road will be 32 feet wide with a sidewalk along the north side. The total cost will be \$165,555, according to Beck, who adds the sum is about \$33,000 less than expected.

The road was extended as part of an agreement with the state Highway Department to connect Ash Street with the city's street system, according to Beck.

Construction also has begun in widening West Boulevard South to 38 feet between Fairview Road and Scott Boulevard. The final cost will come to \$604,750. It originally was budgeted for \$490,000.

Beck says estimates for construction projects are made before the engineering work is done.

"Hopefully, we'll have some projects that cost less than expected to balance it out," he says. If not some construction eventually may have to be cut, he adds.

The southwest part of Columbia has been booming, says Chuck Bondra, a senior planner with the city Department of Planning and Development. Two major street extensions are being planned for next year to alleviate traffic problems in the area.

Nifong Boulevard probably will be extended from Bethel Street to Green Meadows during the next construction season. The project's estimated total cost is \$587,200.

Beck expects work to begin on the \$2.5 million project on West Boulevard South as well. A new north-south street will be built between Stadium Boulevard and Green Meadows Road, he says.

Bondra says road improvements in the southwest part of town have been under consideration in the capital improvement program for years and were placed on the bond issue to supplement funding for those projects.

Other street and bridge projects scheduled for 1984 include:

Elm Street, Sixth Street to Providence Road — A new road will be built to relieve downtown traffic problems and create an new entrance into the University campus. Estimated cost: \$487,000.

Creasy Springs Road, south from Proctor Drive — Upgrading of existing street. Estimated cost: \$522,000.

Second Ward Councilman Duane Lammers says he lobbied hard to

make this project a high priority item. Since it is one of only two main exits out of the Parkade subdivision, Lammers calls Creasy Springs Road "very dangerous" at present.

"If you think Green Meadows Road has some bad curves," he says, "you ought to see this road."

Oakland Gravel Road, Grace Ellen Drive to city limits — Widening the narrow roadway and bridge. Estimated total cost: \$140,000.

Rock Quarry Road Bridge — Reconstructing and realigning of the existing bridge, built around the turn of the century. Estimated total cost: \$400,000.

Beck says all street construction projects on the bond issue have been part of the capital improvement program.

Commenting on progress of the project so far, Beck says the major portion of bond-issue improvements in the downtown area was completed this year.